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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 21 and 22 are pending. Claims 1-20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claim 21 is amended only to improve form.

In the Office Action of September 20, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 7-13, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by reissued U.S. Patent No. RE 37,301 E to Lo; and rejected claims 3-6, 14-16, 18, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Lo.

Although the Office Action Summary indicates that claim 8 is objected to, Applicants cannot find an objection to claim 8 in the Office Action.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for agreeing that claims 21 and 22 contain allowable subject matter.

Rejection of Claims 1-2, 7-13, 17 and 19

On pages 2-6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 7-13, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated Lo. Applicants canceled claims 1-2, 7-13, 17 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby making the rejection moot. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 3-6, 14-16, 18, and 20

On pages 6 and 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 3-6, 14-16, 18, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35

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U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Lo. Applicants canceled claims 3-6, 14-16, 18, and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby making the rejection moot. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 21-22

On page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 21 and 22 are allowable over the prior art. Applicants amended claim 21 only to improve form. Applicants submit that claims 21 and 22 remain allowable.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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